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The Honorable Ajit Pai Chairman Federal Communications Commission

Dear Chairman Pai,

Telehealth has proven valuable as we seek to protect healthcare providers and patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. The University of Utah, which provides critical care services throughout the State of Utah and beyond to serve vulnerable populations at risk of COVID-19, has submitted an application seeking funding through the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) telehealth program. We write to ask that you look closely at the University of Utah's application.

The service area of the University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics comprises 10% of the continental United States (over 350,000 square miles) and extends into a high concentration of rural and low-income communities in Utah, including the Navajo Nation. University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics are currently leveraging telehealth to serve patients in that expansive area. The FCC telehealth grant would be used to expand their capacity to provide such services.

As you review the University of Utah's application, we hope you will give it full and fair consideration. It is a pleasure and honor to serve the people and companies of Utah in the United States Congress. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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